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TOPIC Military Information from the Schweinrich and Bad Koesen Troop 25X1A

Training Grounds

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 22 January to 1 February 1953

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SOURCE

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1. On 23 January 1953, the Bad Koesen engineer training site was vacant. Eight barracks buildings had recently been occupied. They were no longer boarded up.¹

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2. On 1 February, the camp at the Schweinrich troop training grounds was occupied by about 500 troops and, apparently, 16 tanks.³

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1. [redacted] Comment. The engineer training site at Bad Koesen had been occupied by a unit of the 19th Indep Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army stationed in Weimar, on 10 January. [redacted] The unit apparently left before 23 January.

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2. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. According to another source, firing of machine guns as well as individual reports of guns and mortars were daily heard from the Schweinrich troop training grounds, prior to 26 January. Tanks were also reported stationed there. [redacted] These observations are confirmed by this report.

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